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United States Senate
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 400, 94TH CONGRESS)
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 23, 1982

The Honorable William Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

On April 22, 1982, Senator Inouye, on behalf of myself and with other members of the Select Committee on Intelligence, introduced a bill to provide automatic distribution of retirement and survivorship benefits to qualified former spouses of CIA officers participating in the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (CIARDS). The provisions of this bill parallel those adopted for former spouses of Foreign Service officers under Section 814 and related sections of the Foreign Service Act of 1980.

You are invited to attend a closed hearing of the Committee on this bill on May 5, 1982, at 10:00 a.m., in Room S-407 in the Capitol Building. We would like to obtain your views on the general desirability of adoption of this bill, and are especially interested in the following issues. You may wish, in addition to making general statements on these points, to provide specific examples or case studies:

(1) The extent and importance of spousal support to the service of individual CIA officers serving in a capacity that would make them eligible for participation in CIARDS;

(2) The circumstances of the spouses of CIA officers participating in CIARDS in terms of their personal, social, and professional development;

(3) The nature of the situation of the spouses of Agency employees participating in CIARDS at the time of divorce and thereafter. Specifically, has the Agency been responsive to requests by CIARDS participants or their spouses for support in connection with divorce proceedings? Has Executive Order No. 12197 been effective in providing access by former spouses to CIARDS benefits?

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(4) Potential effects of the adoption of the provisions of the bill on Agency operations, including:

(a) The desirability of participation in CIARDS as an incentive for Agency employees to undertake duty that would qualify them for participation in CIARDS;

(b) The desirability of CIARDS retirement provisions for married couples one of whom is contemplating CIA employment or service in a capacity that would qualify for CIARDS participation; and

(c) Any procedural difficulties that might arise in connection with the proposed provisions, especially with regard to protection of necessary secrecy, compared with similar problems under the present system of distributing retirement benefits to former spouses.

I am looking forward to your participation at this hearing. If you have questions regarding the procedures or issues for the hearing, you may contact Dan Finn on the Committee staff at (202) 224-1700. We look forward to seeing you on May 5.

Sincerely,

Barry Goldwater
Chairman

Enclosures

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